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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

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SIR

I detain'd Jenkins here till my Express arrived from Ld. Loudoun.

His Lordship has desired all the Soern Governors to meet him at Philada. the 17th. of this Month, to consult what is proper to be done in these Parts; as this appears to me the Design of their Meeting I cannot conceive what Service You can be of in going there, as the Plan concerted will in course be communicated to You & the other Officers; however as You seem so earnest to go I now give You Leave; & desire You will give proper Orders at Forts Cumberland & Loudoun, that the Works may be duly carried on in Yr. absence¹ —

I am in a Hurry providing for my Departure—I am Sir Your hble Servant ROBT.

DINWIDDIE

¹ Washington attended this meeting, where he met with a flattering reception from Lord Loudoun, who solicited and duly valued his counsels. The result was, however, only a partial fulfilment of his hopes. In the grand scheme of operations, it was decided that the main efforts should be made on the Lakes and Canadian borders, where the enemy's forces were embodied, and that the middle and southern colonies should continue on the defensive. Washington had the satisfaction to find, nevertheless, that his advice was followed in regard to local arrangements.—SPARKS.